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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew G. Kayrish

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kamijima (US Patent Number 2003/0099054).

Regarding claim 1, Kamijima discloses:

A head slider comprising:

A support (figure 2, item 20); and

A magnetic head part (figure 2, item 21), formed on the support (See figure 2), for carrying out at least one of recording and reproducing of information (page 3, paragraph 65);

The magnetic head part comprising:

A device to be energized (figure 4, item 45), including first (figure 3, item 32 on right) and second poles (figure 3, item 32 on left) for supplying a current therebetween; and

An energizing electrode pad (figure 3, item 33) disposed on a first surface of the magnetic head part on a side opposite from the support (figure 2, support extends in opposite direction);

The first pole (figure 3, item 32 on right) of the device to be energized (figure 4, item 45), being electrically connected to the electrode pad (page 3, paragraph 65);

The second pole (figure 3, item 32 on left) of the device to be energized (figure 4, item 45), being conductible (figure 2, item 25 will connect to electrode pad, page 3, paragraph 63) by way of a second surface (figure 2, item 25 is on a different surface than item 33) different from the first surface.

Regarding claims 2, 5 and 9, Kamijima discloses:

A head slider according to claim 1, wherein the support has the second surface (figure 2, surface is part of support).

Regarding claims 3, 7 and 11, Kamijima discloses:

A head slider according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic head part comprises a magnetoresistive device (figure 8, item 54) for reproducing (figure 4, item 42), an inductive electromagnetic transducer (page 5, paragraph 80) for recording (figure 4, item 43), and a heater element (figure 4, item 45) for generating heat upon energization (page 5, paragraph 84);

Wherein the device to be energized is one of devices of the magnetoresistive device, inductive electromagnetic transducer, and heater element (pages 3 & 4, paragraph 65); and

Wherein the devices other than the device to be energized are connected to respective pairs of electrode pads disposed on the first surface (pages 3 & 4, paragraph 65).

Regarding claim 4, Kamijima discloses everything repeated from claim 1, further disclosing:

A head gimbal assembly comprising:

An arm member mounted with the head slider (figure 2, item 22);

Regarding claims 6 and 10, Kamijima discloses:

A head gimbal assembly according to claim 4, wherein the second surface is in contact with the arm member (figure 2, item 22 is in contact with the second surface).

Regarding claim 8, Kamijima discloses everything repeated from claim 4, further disclosing:

A hard disk drive comprising:

A recording medium (figure 1, item 10);

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew G. Kayrish whose telephone number is 571-272-4220. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on 571-272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER